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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S PRESIDENTIAL ECONOMIC MISSION

1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S MEETING WITH MAF OCT 14, 1974. IN CORDIAL MEETING WITH AGRIC MIN KURAISHI AND OTHER TOP MAF OFFICIALS, AMB EBERLE, ACCOMPANIED BY SEEVERS, LANDE AND AGATTACHE, OUTLINED MAIN AGRICULTURAL POINTS. FIRST WAS REMOVAL ACREAGE RESTRICTIONS WITH ENCOURAGEMENT FOR CONTINUED ALL-OUT PRODUCTION BY U.S. AND REQUEST THAT CONGRESS REMOVE REMAINING RESTRAINTS ON RICE, PEANUTS AND COTTON PRODUCTION. SECOND WAS UPCOMING ROME WRC MEETING AND U.S. FULL SUPPORT TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION IN LDC'S, CONTINUED FOOD AID, AND SUPPORT FOR A WORLD FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM. IN REPLY TO MAF QUESTION, STATED U.S. HAS NO FIXED IDEAS AS TO HOW RESERVES SHOULD BE HANDLED THOUGH DO HOPE FOR SHARING OF RESPONSIBILITY. THIRD, IN AREA EXPORTS OF FEEDGRAINS U.S. HAS NO PLANS FOR GENERAL EXPORT CONTROLS. WILL SUPPLY NORMAL CONSUMPTION NEEDS OF JAPAN ALONG LINES DISCUSSED IN AUGUST WITH MAF TEAM THAT VISITED WASHINGTON. USSR INTENDED PURCHASES WERE MUCH GREATER THAN THE SPECIFIC AMOUNTS CANCELLED LAST WEEKEND AND U.S. FELT THEY WERE NOT NEEDED FOR NORMAL CONSUMPTION.

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APPROVAL OF JAPAN'S CONSUMPTION NEEDS AS DISCUSSED WILL

BE AUTOMATIC.

2. MIN KURAISHI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR AMB EBERLE'S VISIT, U.S. ASSURANCES RE FEEDGRAIN SUPPLIES AND CLARIFICATIONS RE UPCOMING WFC. MIN EMPHASIZED JAPAN'S DEPENDENCY ON U.S. FEEDGRAINS AND SAID RICE ADJUSTMENT POLICY BEING IMPLEMENTED THAT IS TO ENCOURAGE GREATER DAIRY AND BEEF PRODUCTION IN JAPAN. ALSO INQUIRED RE U.S. FERTILIZER PLANS AND WAS TOLD OF U.S. EXPANSION PLANS BY SEEVERS. FOR JAPAN, MIN INDICATED UNLIKELY FERTILIZER INDUSTRY OULD EXPAND CAPACITY, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW INDICATIONS OIL PRODUCERS SUCH AS PRC, INDONESIA AND OTHERS PLAN TO DO SO. FURTHER JAPANESE INDUSTRY NOW SQUEEZED FINANCIALLY.

3. IN FINAL MOMENTS AMB EBERLE REMINDED MIN OF CORRELATION BETWEEN FEEDGRAINS AND BEEF WITH HOPE JAPAN WOULD FIND SOME SOLUTION TO ITS BEEF PROBLEMS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE UNDERTAKEN TO DATE. ALSO MENTIONED U.S. CONTINUED INTEREST IN ORANGES. MIN'S REPLY WAS NONCOMMITTAL.
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